

CAMPAIGNING WHILE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Taft Feels' Criticism, but Will Not Yet Resign.

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Opposition Cites Official Fidelity of Other Candidates.

Record as Official Traveler Is Unequalled on This or Any Other Hemisphere—Something About His Comings and Goings for a Year and a Half—Busiest Man in the Employ of the Government.

TAFT'S TRAVELS.

1907.	
March 10.	New York
March 18.	New Haven
March 30-April 30.	West Indies
May 3.	Dayton, Ohio
May 7.	Jamestown Exposition
May 25-June 1.	St. Louis
June 8-21.	S. Dakota and Kansas
July 4-Aug. 10.	Murray Bay, Can.
Aug. 18-Dec. 21.	Around the world
Dec. 24.	Cincinnati
Dec. 30.	Boston
1908.	
Jan. 10.	New York
Jan. 14.	Philadelphia
Feb. 7-19.	Michigan and Missouri
Feb. 21.	Buffalo
Feb. 26.	New England
March 14.	New England and New Jersey
March 31-April 13.	Nebraska and Ohio
April 18.	New York

Hon. William Howard Taft, Secretary of War and candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, is now the subject of severe criticism on account of the time he is devoting to politics.

The Philadelphia Press, the leading Republican newspaper of Pennsylvania, in a triple-leaded editorial last week called upon him to resign, but on Saturday the Secretary indicated to a reporter in New York that he had no present thought of giving up his portfolio.

Comment upon his very frequent absence from Washington has become general over the country, and is not confined to newspapers unfriendly to his candidacy. The Secretary appreciates all this, it is understood, and is somewhat sensitive on the subject. He is now filling appointments made some time ago and making no new engagements that will take him away from his post of duty.

President Roosevelt, according to current report, dissuaded the Secretary from his purpose of resigning months ago, when he announced his candidacy for President. It was then Mr. Taft's idea to become a private citizen immediately after opening the Philippine parliament, and as such to complete his trip around the world. But this plan was altered.

Other Candidates on Duty. In circles antagonistic to the Secretary's candidacy his course is severely criticized. It is contrasted with the action of other candidates, who, holding public office, have not at one time slighted their duties. Vice President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon, and Senator Knox, while Secretary Taft has been promoting his political interests over the country, have steadfastly kept at their posts in Washington. The Vice President, since Congress assembled, has made it his practice to decline all invitations from outside the city, and Speaker Cannon and Senator Knox have followed this rule with but few exceptions. Secretary Taft, however, in the past four months, has devoted more than half his time—perhaps three-fourths—to his personal and political interests. The assertion is made that no other Cabinet officer of any administration ever equaled Mr. Taft's record as an absentee.

Gripsack Always in Hand. The Secretary of War can now probably qualify as the greatest official traveler on this or any other hemisphere. He comes to and departs from his departmental office with a gripsack in hand. For about a year and a half the Secretary certainly has been on the go. Perhaps he has been at his desk four months during that period. The War Department's disbursing officer, accordingly, has had a sorry time of it in securing the Secretary's signature on the pay roll for the \$1,000 monthly stipend which the law designates shall be his as a member of the Cabinet. The President first ordered him off on inspection trips to Panama, Porto Rico, and Cuba, and to the Philippines, by a long and devious route. These trips were taken, while the country, and even the world, looked on in admiration. The people began clamoring for a chance to see him. Often their desires were voiced in the presence of the President, in which instances the press dispatches generally announced that the Secretary accepted their invitations before the visiting delegations departed from the White House.

Under such circumstances Secretary Taft, of course, could not be continuously at the War Department. He has always hastened back here between trips, tackling the mountain of papers upon his desk against the moment when he must hasten away again to augment the total of his annual travels.

Record During Year 1907. He was easily a traveler of distinguished reputation before the year 1907 was ushered in. He had crossed the Pacific several times in the Philippine service and, in campaign times, had gone considerably up and down the country. Large plans for his 1907 itinerary were forming by January, during which month he made a trip into the South. Early in February, immediately after his return from a journey to New York to attend a Yale alumni dinner, it was first

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair to-day. Tomorrow fair, warmer; light northerly winds, becoming southeasterly to-morrow.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

PAGES. TELEGRAPHIC. 1—Big Hatpins the Style This Year. 2—Bail Fan Ends Life When Team Loses. 3—Floods Do Big Damage in Texas. 4—Los Angeles Crazy About the Fleet. 5—Bryan Men in New York in Revolt. 7—Gould Reconciliation Expected.

LOCAL. 1—Edward Taylor Ends Life at 'Phone. 2—Couple Go to Baltimore to Wed. 3—Two Men Are Killed by Gas. 4—D. A. R. Opens Its Congress To-day. 5—Easter Parade in Connecticut Avenue. 6—Elaborate Observance of Easter. 7—Labor Meeting at Columbia Theater. 8—Governors Confer with President. 9—Prophet Crowder Is Resurrected. 10—Typographical Union Nominates.

LEISURE A BORE; HE DIED.

Wealthy Retired Merchant Finds Time Too Heavy on His Hands. Philadelphia, April 19.—Unable to bear any longer a retirement that left him without an occupation after forty-five years spent in active business, Thomas H. Nicol, of 1611 Norris street, a retired grocer, whose fortune is estimated at half a million dollars, shot himself in Fairmount Park last night.

A year ago Mr. Nicol sold out his business and retired. After a few weeks time dragged heavily on his hands, and he was often heard to say: "I wish I had my business back again; it's an awful bore not to have anything to do."

CARS WITH NO PASSENGERS.

Motorman Struck with Stone Thrown by Chester Strikers. Chester, Pa., April 19.—Trolley cars were run at irregular intervals by the Chester Traction Company through this city and into suburban towns, to-day. Pickets of the strikers report that no more than a dozen passengers rode during the day and evening.

One of the cars, bound for Upland, a suburb, this morning was stoned. The motorman escaped. The car was struck on the head, but not seriously injured.

The strikers appear just as determined as ever not to accede to the conditions imposed by the management of the trolley company.

Several arrests were made for minor offenses, the State police acting on the slightest provocation. The streets were patrolled until late to-night by troopers. No cars were run after dark.

BAILEY'S RELATIVE DIES.

Brother-in-law Gets Excited While at Public Debate.

Dallas, Tex., April 19.—Dr. G. W. Rucker, brother-in-law of United States Senator Bailey, died suddenly at his home in Temple, Tex., last night of apoplexy. Death was superinduced by great excitement caused by the joint debate at Temple yesterday evening, between former State senator D. W. Odell, of Cleburne, defending Senator Bailey, and Col. W. L. Crawford, assailing Bailey, in the pending campaign for delegates-at-large to the Democratic national convention.

The debate was exciting and at times bitter. Dr. Rucker occupied a seat on the speakers' stand among Senator Bailey's friends.

BIG DAMAGE IN TEXAS FLOOD

Many Houses Swept Away and Property Loss Reaches Millions.

People Living in Lowlands Are Forced to Take Refuge in Trees. Rain Is Still Falling.

Austin, Tex., April 19.—The upper tributaries of the Colorado River are higher than they have been for thirty years, and an overflow of that stream for 60 miles of its course seems to be inevitable.

The rainfall in the upper waters has amounted to more than four inches, and it is still raining. The Concho, Llano, Pecos, and San Saba rivers are pouring torrents of water into the Colorado.

The valley from Austin to the Gulf is in a high state of cultivation, and an overflow of the Colorado will devastate growing corn, cotton, sugar cane, and other property to the value of many millions of dollars. The rain fell in such torrents in the vicinity of Brownwood, Coleman, and Ballinger yesterday and to-day that people living along the smaller streams had to take refuge in trees.

Many houses were swept away.

The flood in the Brazos, Trinity, and Neches rivers have been greatly augmented by another period of twenty-four hours' steady rain.

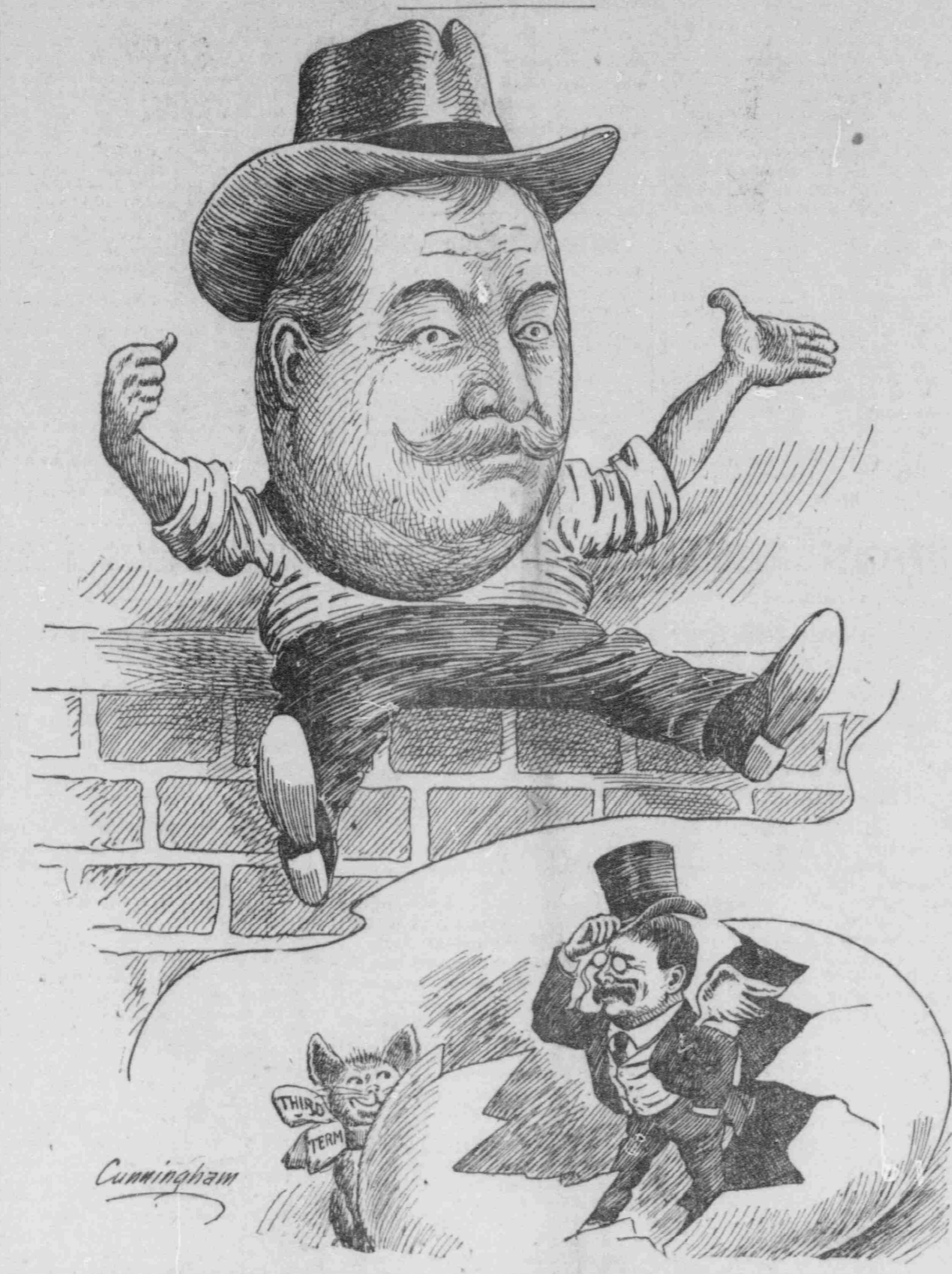
The great sugar plantations are situated in the valley of the Brazos and Colorado rivers. All live stock is being removed from the lower valleys of the rivers, and warning has been given to the inhabitants of the lowlands to seek refuge on high ground.

FATAL FIGHT WITH LUNATIC.

Hall Slain After Killing One and Wounding Two Men Mortally.

Warrensburg, Mo., April 19.—Bryan Hall, thirty years old, returning home from five years' residence in Washington State, went crazy on a Missouri Pacific train to-night, and frightened passengers with a revolver.

"HUMPTY DUMPTY."



TEAM LOSES; FAN DIES

Des Moines Enthusiast Takes Poison on Field.

"I'LL END MISERY," HE CRIES

Frank Rusk Supposed to Have Gone Insane Because Omaha Scores Four Runs—Rushes Onto Diamond and Takes Contents of a Two-ounce Bottle of Carbolic Acid.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 19.—With hundreds of rooters looking on in horror, Frank Rusk, a well-known Des Moines baseball fan, swallowed two ounces of carbolic acid and died in agony when the score went against the Des Moines team in its game with Omaha yesterday afternoon.

Rusk's tragic death, in full view of the grand stand and bleachers, caused a panic at the baseball park that resulted in the fainting of several women, while for a time it appeared the game could not proceed. Rusk, it seems, had been having domestic troubles of late, and he was naturally somewhat despondent. He was known as one who never missed a ball game, however, and he was occupying a seat in one end of the grand stand, and when the shortstop missed an easy one, Rusk was seen to clinch his teeth as any baseball fan does. Then the Omaha men ran in four runs. Rusk gave a frenzied leap onto the diamond.

"I'm going to end this misery," he shrieked, and raised the poison to his lips.

DIES AT BALL GAME.

Newark Enthusiast Stricken with Paralysis at Star Play.

Newark, N. J., April 19.—Thomas Eymann, secretary of the American Button Company, had a paralytic stroke during the baseball game between the Newark and the New York Giants in this city this afternoon.

Eymann was in the grand stand. In the third inning, Sharpe, of the locals, lifted the ball toward the left field corner. Outfielder Shannon ran to the ropes, and after leaping into the air, brought down the ball, throwing a back somersault over the ropes as he came down.

It was during the excitement incidental to the play that Eymann was seized. He was removed to St. James' Hospital, and his condition is serious.

Slide to Base Ends Life.

Rayville, La., April 19.—In the effort to help the "various" baseball team of the University of Louisiana in a close game ten days ago, H. D. Mangum made a desperate slide into home base, sustaining injuries which caused his death from concussion.

TAFT SUPPORTERS BOLT.

Arizona Convention Sends Contestants to Chicago Convention.

Tucson, Ariz., April 19.—The Republican national convention will have to settle a contest from Arizona as a result of the split in the Republican Territorial convention here.

CHEERS FOR GOV. HUGHES.

New Yorker Praised for Anti-gambling Crusade.

New York, April 19.—The Bedford avenue branch of the Y. M. C. A., in Brooklyn, was swamped this afternoon by the crowd which turned out to hear Gov. Hughes speak on the anti-race-track-gambling bills.

The crowd was with the governor and enthusiastically cheered him. Senator Gilchrist, who voted against the bills, was invited to be present, but he wasn't visible. The mention of his name brought out a storm of hisses. Grady and McCarren were lambasted by the ministers who addressed the meeting, although they admitted that any attack on them was hopeless.

The Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Central Congregational Church, declared that if his congregation would relieve him, he would gladly take the "stump" for the next two weeks. If plans which were announced at to-day's meeting, are carried through, Dr. Cadman, and all the other Brooklyn "stump speakers," will be kept hustling. Meetings, it was said, were to be held all over Brooklyn for the next two weeks, and on the first Sunday in May anti-race-track-gambling sermons will be preached in most of the churches.

YOUNG GIRL SHOTS NEGRO

Georgia Miss Uses Repeating Shotgun When Seized.

Posse Searching for Would-be Assailant, Bent on Lynching Him.

Thomasville, Ga., April 19.—In defending her honor, Miss Ellen Quarterman, the fifteen-year-old daughter of a prominent merchant who lives in the suburbs, engaged in a gun duel with a negro, in which the latter was wounded. Miss Quarterman was alone, the family being at church, when the negro entered the house and seized her.

The girl broke away, ran into an adjoining room, procured a repeating shotgun, and opened fire on the negro. The latter fled from the house, but stopped when he reached the yard. He returned the girl's fire with a pistol. The negro shot three times, the bullets going through her dress. The girl retreated to the room, and, resting the gun in a window, fired again, and the negro dropped. He soon rose, however, and made off.

Miss Quarterman gave the alarm, and posesses are trailing the negro with dogs. Blood has been found in several places, showing the negro is wounded. The members of the posse declare that the negro will not be turned over to the authorities.

RECORD-BREAKER ON WALK.

Easter Crowd Said to Have Exceeded 200,000 Persons.

Atlantic City, April 19.—The greatest Easter crowd ever on the Atlantic City boardwalk paraded at noon to-day in brilliant sunshine that allowed the women to wear their spring frocks and daintiest millinery creations.

Close to 200,000 persons were on show on the five miles of walk at noon, and police were kept busy moving the crowd along and preventing crushes at congested points.

The throng included governors of several States, politicians of all kinds, and classes, and leaders in society and finance from all parts of the country. A shower late in the afternoon started the crowd on the run for a few minutes and gave a display of lingerie and silk hose when the gaily-togged women grabbed skirts and ran for shelter. The storm lasted but a short time, and the crowd returned to the walk in force before sundown.

BIG HATPINS; OH, MY!

They Make Easter Hats Look Like Wise Old Owls.

MEN STILL WEAR SHOES, TOO

Waistcoats Fasten with Buttons and Buttonholes, While Gowns Hook Up the Back or Front—Some Look Like They Don't Hook at All, but Only the Modiste Knows.

New York, April 19.—And furthermore besides all this stuff and things on the Easter lids, they have a way this year of inserting great, large, big-knobbed hatpins in among the feathers and stuff and things—black pins against white wings, for instance—so that the general effect is that of a wise old owl with great great eyes.

And when everybody had got her lid pinned on, somebody put out a sign about noon, "Slow-moving hats, keep to the right," and the Easter parade along Fifth avenue got up steam.

All the men seen in the hotels and out in the avenue to-day wore creations with little necks cut into the lapels and with several buttons fastened along the front of the waistcoat. Each button was sewed opposite an opening called a buttonhole, and there were seams arranged up and down the garments to show where the pieces of cloth had been joined by threads.

Men's Clothes the Same. From this it will be seen, even by one that has no interest in the tailoring profession other than owing a bill or two, that men's garments this year do not differ basically from the kind worn heretofore. Shoes are worn on the feet as on the same occasion last year, and the hat is worn above all.

Next to the "Merry Widow" lid, one of the most pretentious hats of the year is the "Scannus" hat. The "Scannus" differs from not only the "Bedillo," but the "Scanz" hat as well. All this doped, by the way, is pretty technical stuff. Everybody knows what the "Merry Widow" hat is, so there's no use in going into an elaborate description of it. It's big and the wings flare out wide, like the fence around a baseball park.

Has Quills On It. The "Scannus," on the other hand, has delicate quill wings, long and pointed downward in a curve, and with clusters of night blooming plover's clustered at the base. As for the "Scanz" hat, the less said the better. But at that it's better than the "Rat-pit."

From churchtime up to an hour later than that, they went along the avenue. Some went up, and the others went down, and so the parade progressed all the afternoon.

With the girls' outfits—ah! that's another matter! They go to browns and blues, or they do to-day, at least, because of the rain.

Some hooked in the back, and some in the front, and still others seemed to be all in one piece, so far as one could learn without being called fresh.

RESCUES TWENTY-TWO AT SEA.

Atlantic City Life-saving Crew Called Out Twice.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 19.—Life-savers at Hereford Inlet quieted a panic aboard the launch Harry M., and rescued twenty-two men and women passengers after the little vessel had struck on the dangerous sand bars of the lower coast and partly filled with water.

Heavy breakers were washing into the craft when the life-savers reached her side in their power boats, and the life-savers risked their lives in getting the frightened men and women into their boats.

The same crew was called out earlier in the day to rescue four men from a small pleasure boat which struck the shoals within a mile of the other launch. The boat was half full of water when they arrived, but the men on board stayed in their craft and helped to float her into deep water.

ITALIAN FLEET 34 STRONG.

Vessels Expected to Sail for the Levant To-day.

Rome, April 19.—The war ships are concentrating in the gulfs of Gaeta and Tarento. Their departure is not reported. According to one report they will sail to-morrow. The fleet numbers thirty-four vessels, including twelve battle ships, manned by 8,000 men.

Half of these could be easily landed.

French Dispute, Too.

Constantinople, April 19.—The French dispute with the Sultan concerning the Heraclea coal mines is becoming acute. It is understood that France has notified the Porte of its intention to exact \$2,000 for every day's delay in settling the French Heraclea company's claim, besides \$2,800,000 for losses sustained.

LIVELY CONTEST IN TEXAS.

Three Delegates Will Be Sent to the Republican Convention.

Austin, Tex., April 19.—W. E. Mabson, who styles himself acting chairman of the Republican State executive committee of Texas, to-day issued a call for a State convention of "Simon-pure and unadulterated" Republicans, to be held at Fort Worth on May 25, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Republican national convention.

Mabson is the leader of the colored Republicans of Texas. The other Republican conventions for the same purpose have all been called. One was called by Col. Cecil Lyon, chairman of the faction which claims to be the regulars, and the other by Danquith, chairman of the so-called reorganized Republicans of the State. Three contesting delegations will therefore be sent to Chicago.

SUICIDE'S CHURCH CLOSED.

Talk of Murder and Accident in Case of Rev. G. W. Tomson.

Woodbury, N. J., April 19.—Because of the mysterious suicide of the Rev. George W. Tomson, pastor of Woodbury Presbyterian Church, on Thursday night, that edifice was closed to-day.

The body of Mr. Tomson will be taken to-morrow morning to the home of his fiancée, Mrs. Fannie B. Kenworthy. There funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock.

There has been talk of murder and talk of accident. The report that Mrs. Kenworthy had induced Public Prosecutor Alexander Rogers to reopen the case on the ground that Tomson was murdered, however, is not true.

COUPLE WED IN BALTIMORE

Mr. Beall and Miss Bellman United After a Series of Troubles.

Make Trip to Monumental City with a Mutual Friend—Several Things Go Wrong.

Seldom is a wedding attended with more delays and unforeseen difficulties than that which culminated Friday night in Baltimore in the marriage of Miss Nina Poe Beall, well known in local dramatic circles, and Carlton M. Beall, advertising manager for a real estate firm, and the son of Dr. Benjamin M. Beall, one of the oldest and best known practitioners in Washington.

Having made plans only the day before, the couple met at Fifteenth and H streets northwest, to take a car of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Line for Baltimore. Robert L. Wright, son of Rev. Dr. R. L. Wright, pastor of McKendree M. E. Church, who was to accompany the couple, was ten minutes late, but with the aid of \$2 and a little wit the difficulty was overcome.

One mile beyond Annapolis Junction the electric car broke down, and there was a delay of twenty minutes. Arriving in Baltimore, the party of three was brought to a sudden halt by the fact that the friend who had procured the license had tired of waiting for the train and had left the station.

More time was lost in waiting for a cab, which never came, to convey them to the home of a friend. Following a policeman's direction, they boarded a car, which carried them the miles in an opposite direction to their point of destination.

After much telephoning and a long ride on street cars, the man with the license was located. A minister was next in order. After nearly a dozen unsuccessful attempts, a divine, who consented to tie the knot, was located. Arriving at the parsonage of the Madison Avenue M. E. Church, they were met by Rev. Dr. J. St. Clair Neal. The ceremony was performed without a hitch until that sacred custom, the placing of the wedding ring on the bride's finger by the bridegroom, was reached. At this point he discovered he had left the ring in his overcoat pocket in the hall. It was finally produced.

LISTENS AT 'PHONE

TO SUICIDE'S SHOT

Edward Taylor Ends His Life in Novel Manner.

CALLS UP HIS FIANCEE

Sister Answers and Is Told to Listen to the Fatal Shots.

Five Bullets Fired in Air, and When Nephew Attempts to Stop Shooting, Desperate Man Sends Lending Missile into Brain, Causing Instant Death—Quarrelled with Girl Because of Excessive Drinking.

Holding a revolver near the transmitter of a telephone, that the sister of his fiancée at the other end of the wire might hear, Edward R. Taylor, twenty-eight years old, a saloon keeper, fired six shots. In the last shot a bullet pierced his brain, killing him instantly.

The shooting occurred at 8:08 o'clock last night, in the hallway of Taylor's apartments, over his saloon, at 101 H street southeast. It was the result of difficulties with his fiancée, Miss Regina Georgius, eighteen years old, of 1913 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

When notified of the suicide, Miss Georgius became hysterical, and refused to talk. Taylor began drinking intoxicating liquors. Yesterday afternoon he visited the Georgius home, and, according to a sister of his fiancée, had a quarrel because he had been drinking. He went to his home, and from there called up Miss Georgius on the telephone four times. Each time he talked with her and asked her to meet him downtown. She refused, telling him to call at her home. Shortly before 8 o'clock he telephoned again and the telephone was answered by George Rouze, who told Taylor that Miss Georgius had gone out. Taylor said he did not believe it, and asked to talk with her sister, Miss Lillian Georgius.

When told by the sister that his fiancée was out walking with a girl whom Taylor expressed his disbelief, and said: "She will be sorry she has treated me this way when she reads about this. Listen!"

Miss Georgius then heard several muffled reports, but thinking nothing of the matter, hung up the receiver.

At the time of the shooting William E. Barber, a nephew of the saloon keeper, was present. For some time he had begged Taylor to calm himself, and asked him not to call Miss Georgius on the telephone any more.

Just before the shooting, Barber said he heard Taylor talking over the 'phone. He cursed several times, and fired his revolver in the air five times.

Barber is Pushed Aside. Barber rushed into the hallway, where the telephone is located, and started to grab his uncle. Taylor turned on him and threatened to shoot him. As Barber drew back to the hallway, Taylor put the muzzle of the revolver to his temple and pulled the trigger. He fell to the floor unconscious.

The nephew rushed into the street and called to policemen of the Fifth precinct, who ran into the house. They examined the man and found him dead.

Barber told the police that his uncle had been dependent over business matters for some weeks, and had been drinking heavily. In the past week or so he had carried a pistol, and when asked what he intended doing with it, refused to answer, turning it off as a joke.

When called for by the Washington Herald called at the Georgius home last night. Miss Regina had not yet returned. Her sister, Miss Lillian, graphically described her conversation with Taylor.

She said when she talked with Taylor the last time, she had chided him for drinking, and he replied, "It's all right. You will be sorry about this some time. Wait till you all read about it in the papers. Listen!"

Miss Georgius said she heard several reports. They did not sound like pistol shots, she said, and she thought he was only fooling, and put up the receiver. Mrs. Georgius, mother of Miss Regina, became hysterical when told that Taylor was dead, and at first would not believe it. Later, as the significance of the shooting forced itself upon her, she wept, asking over and over again: "Where is Regina? What will my poor girl say?"

Had Been Despondent. George Rouze, who answered the telephone the last time Taylor called up, said he had known the saloon keeper for years. Of late, he said, Taylor had been despondent about his business, and only three or four days ago had said that for three nights he had been unable to sleep. This evidently magnified the seriousness of the quarrel with Miss Georgius, said Rouze, and, together with his drinking, made him shoot himself.

Robert Georgius, a brother of the girl for whom Taylor was carrying that gun around with him for nothing."

ROOSEVELT WILL TRAVEL

Said to Be Getting Ready for Trip Around World.

Boston, April 19.—President Roosevelt is getting ready for his trip around the world. Mrs. Elizabeth Rice, of New Zealand, now visiting in Andover, was a caller at the White House a few days ago. The President questioned her in much detail about that country. He said he was planning to go out there within the next two years, and that, in the course of a world tour, he intended giving considerable time to the Orient. He said nothing about big game in Australia.

Grand Floral Exhibition.

A profusion of blooming plants and lovely baskets of flowers, reasonably priced. Blackstone, 14th and H.